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April 30, 1979

REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Thomas F. Miller
Vipont Mines, Ltd.
Box 267
Oakley, Idaho 83346

RE: Tentative Approval
Vipont Mine
Box Elder County, Utah
ACT/003/005

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Division appeared before the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining in their April 26, 1979 meeting to obtain the Board's concurrence to issue tentative approval for the operation and for the reclamation surety estimate. A copy of the Executive Summary, that was presented to the Board, is enclosed for your reference. The Board concurred with the Division for the issuance of tentative approval; however, the Board did not concur with the proposed surety arrangement.

As per the requirements of Section 40-8-13 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, the Division hereby issues tentative approval to the Vipont Mine, Box Elder County, Utah. The tentative decision with a condensed version of the Mining and Reclamation Plan will be published, one time only, in all newspapers of general circulation published in Box Elder County, and in a Salt Lake City newspaper. Public comment will be

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solicited by this publication for a thirty day period. If no factual written protests are received within this period, and upon completion of reclamation surety, final approval will be issued, and mining may legally commence. If written objections of substance are received, a hearing will be held before the Board.

In the question of reclamation surety, as required by Section 40-8-14 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, the Board is of the opinion that bonding will be required for both the underground mining and tailings removal operations. The Division will compile and submit to you a revised surety estimate in the near future. At that time we would like to discuss the matter with you in more detail.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald W. Daniels".

RONALD W. DANIELS
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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